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LETTERS

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In Berkeley, Too

And Richmond

It's Not a Bug, It's a Feature

Come On, Oakland Council

Fabulous Reporting

and dedicated supporter in our midst. We should also scrutinize closely Big Coal's claim that coal trains will bring "jobs." How many? How much will those jobs pay? Who will get the jobs? How long will the jobs last? I say, Oakland, not coal trains.

[illegible], Oakland

[illegible]

Amoeba's Problems Are Its Own

As a Bay Area native and lifelong music collector, I've never read a more inaccurate article about local music sales.

Please believe me when I say any problems Amoeba Music is having are not totally the fault of the music industry being in the dumps; the primary problem is its business practices.

Its stock sucks, its prices are high, and worse of all, its buyers alienate potential sellers by engaging in infuriating cherry-picking. The Berkeley Rasputin Music [store] has stock and prices that are about two times as good as Amoeba's. The Berkeley Rasputin is the number-one choice for local sellers. Amoeba's problems are all its own.

Hopefully selling legal weed may help. But I'd guess it will only work if they sell weed far, far differently than they sell music.

[illegible], Alameda

[illegible]

Let's Boycott

I certainly hope folks will boycott this bank [Summit Bank] until they change their minds.

[illegible], Oakland

Other Banks Have Bus Stops Out Front

The Dimond district has a Wells Fargo and a Bank of America on opposite corners, both with bus stops in front. This is a major intersection with hundreds of people getting on and off each day and no problems. Perhaps AC Transit should do a survey of all the bus stops it has that are close to banks to see if there have been any instances of robbery that support Summit Bank's fear.

[illegible], Oakland

We Don't Need Another City Department

Mayor Libby Schaaf's new Department of Transportation wouldn't have changed this outcome and instead would mean less money to fix the potholes and rough pavement I have to traverse over every day.

[illegible], Alameda

This Stinks!

I don't think this is a matter of staff incompetence so much as it is bowing to political pressure with money behind it all. It's more a matter of corruption. There are more stops in Berkeley that I can think of in front of banks. One, in fact, is the major AC Transit hub downtown with tons of people and buses. The corruption extends to so much of city business, including any matter coming up before the Planning Commission. Money-laden developers always get their variances with staff disregard for zoning regulations.

[illegible], Oakland

[illegible]

Thanks!

A wonderful, thoughtful essay about a man who cleaves humanity.

[illegible], Alameda

[illegible]

Thank You, Berkeley!

Berkeley has chosen to take an incredibly decisive leadership stand in the immigration debate, and I am proud that our city council got something very right. Our immigration system amounts to nothing more than global apartheid. No human being is illegal, and the clowns who are whining about "illegal" immigrants should ask the Native Americans what they think about the immigrants who have been terrorizing and occupying since 1492. Look at yourself first, before pointing the finger of blame at others. That whining is not just immoral, but fundamentally anti-American.

Let us not forget that America is a nation of immigrants, and it is the immigrants who are a key driver of our economy and the essence of our basic social fabric. Enough of this racism and xenophobia. Thank you, Berkeley City Council, for taking such a clear moral stand for the basic values that make America great, and getting something very right for once.

[illegible], Berkeley

Berkeley Is Acting Like a Criminal

Pick and choose the laws you obey. Isn't that exactly what criminals do? Like it or not, the City of Berkeley is within the boundaries of the United States of America, subject to US laws. If that city — or any other — chooses not to obey US immigration laws and defies enforcement, it is a city of criminals, advocating criminal behavior.

Pick and choose whether or not to feed a parking meter in Berkeley. Tear up the tickets — because, in Berkeley, California, you have the right to choose what laws are to be obeyed and which ones are to be ignored. Do so and find out how the "tolerant" City of Berkeley behaves when it comes to laws they choose to enforce.

[illegible], Walnut Creek

Clarification

Our October 7 feature, "Racial Profiling Via Nextdoor.com" story stated that Oakland resident Audrey Esquivel said the moderator of the online Nextdoor group Glenfriends had banned her from posting. Esquivel had said that the moderator of a discussion on crime and safety had banned her.





OPINION

Tax Evasion Is Not a New Technology

There is nothing innovative about a company not paying its fair share of taxes.

By Rebecca Kaplan

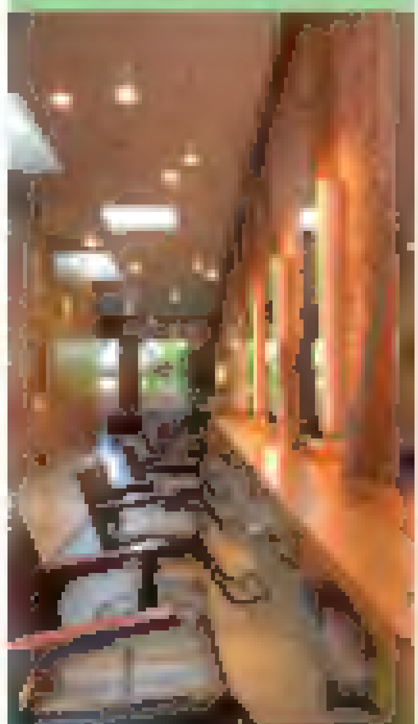
With the growth of companies using "new technology" platforms to provide services, ranging from rides to short-term housing rentals to food delivery, there is much debate about the potential impacts and how to regulate them. While these services can offer convenience and other benefits, they can also cause problems. As the questions about regulations and the rights of workers continue to be debated at the state level and in the courts, at least one fact about these companies should be clear and easy to determine — that using a new technology should not allow them to evade paying their fair share of taxes.

It is unacceptable and unfair for a company to benefit from not paying taxes as a method to increase profits compared to "old technology" companies. And it is unfair to those that are providing similar services and are paying their taxes and fees, including "traditional" hotels and taxis. It is also unfair to the public, who relies on these tax revenues to pay for the costs of filling potholes, public safety, libraries, parks, and more. There is nothing "innovative" about tax evasion — it is an illegal act that has been committed by various people and companies, with or without technology, for hundreds of years, and nobody should consider it to be an innovative invention.

Last year, the Oakland City Council passed a resolution that I wrote, calling on the city administration to start collecting taxes from these types of companies. When a year passed with no action taken, we again insisted during the budget debates that these collections begin. Now, we have been told that collections have started with some short-term residential rental companies, but important work remains to be done, including with transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft. The State of California has preempted local cities from regulating these companies, but that is no reason not to collect taxes, because that is a separate issue from regulation. So now, Councilmember Dan Kalb and I have asked the city administration for an update and options for action and to provide information on the current status of tax collections, so we can ensure fairness in our tax system and bring in the revenue to provide needed public services.

Rebecca Kaplan is Oakland's at-large councilmember and vice mayor.






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Oakland Takes Baby Steps

The city is preparing to ease rules on downtown parking and backyard granny units. But it still has a long way to go to catch up to Berkeley and Emeryville in dealing with the housing crisis.

By Robert Gammon

Effecting Change

LEGALIZATION NATION

Oakland's Big New Pot Plan

Oakland is proposing to double the number of pot shops, and to license farms, couriers, hash labs, and more. But some existing clubs don't want the competition.

By David Downs



NEWS

Saint Mary's College Faculty Allege Racial Discrimination

A civil rights lawsuit highlights ongoing complaints that the Catholic liberal arts college fails to support and retain minority professors — and is an unwelcoming campus to students of color.

By Sam Levin


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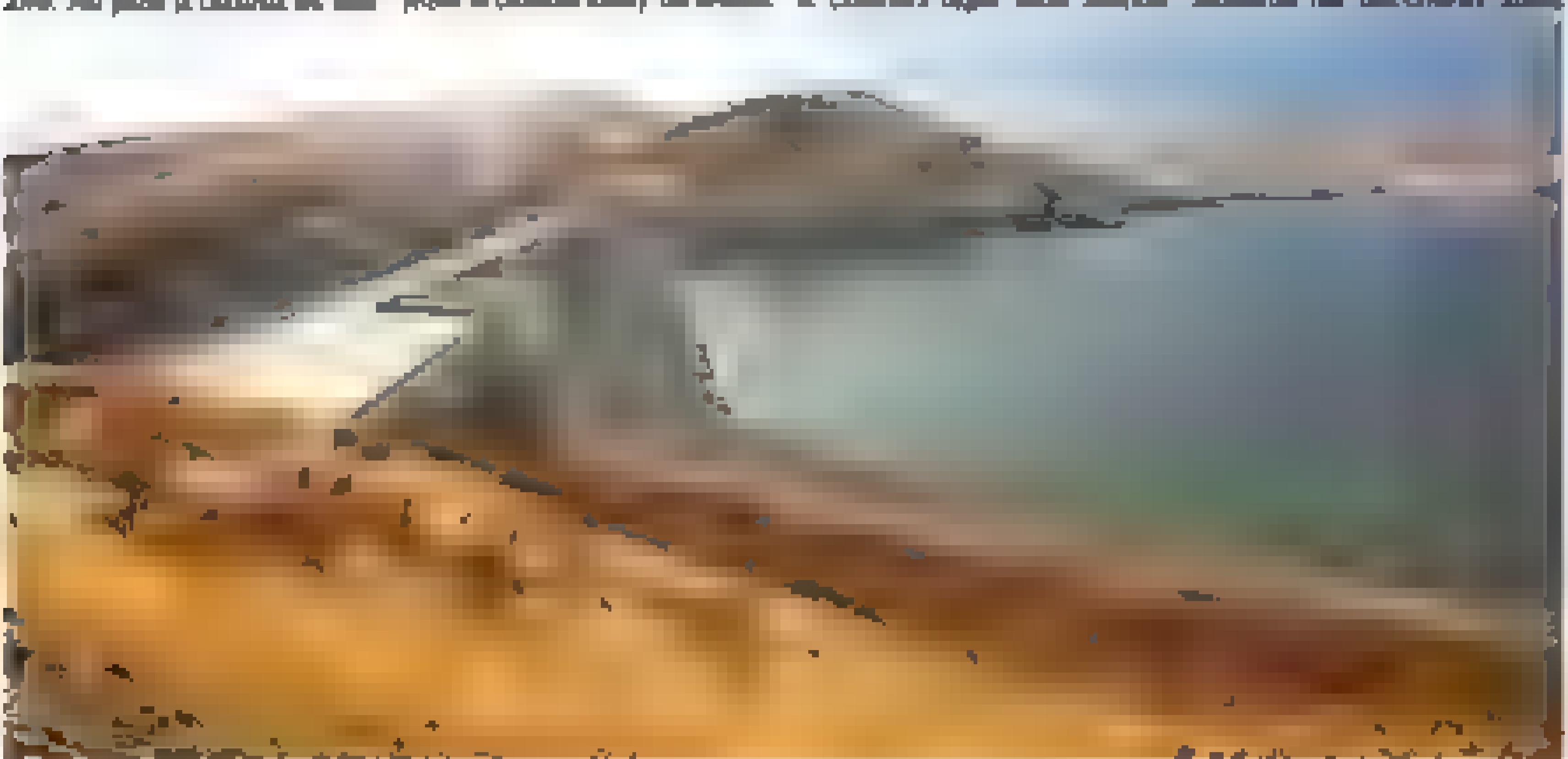
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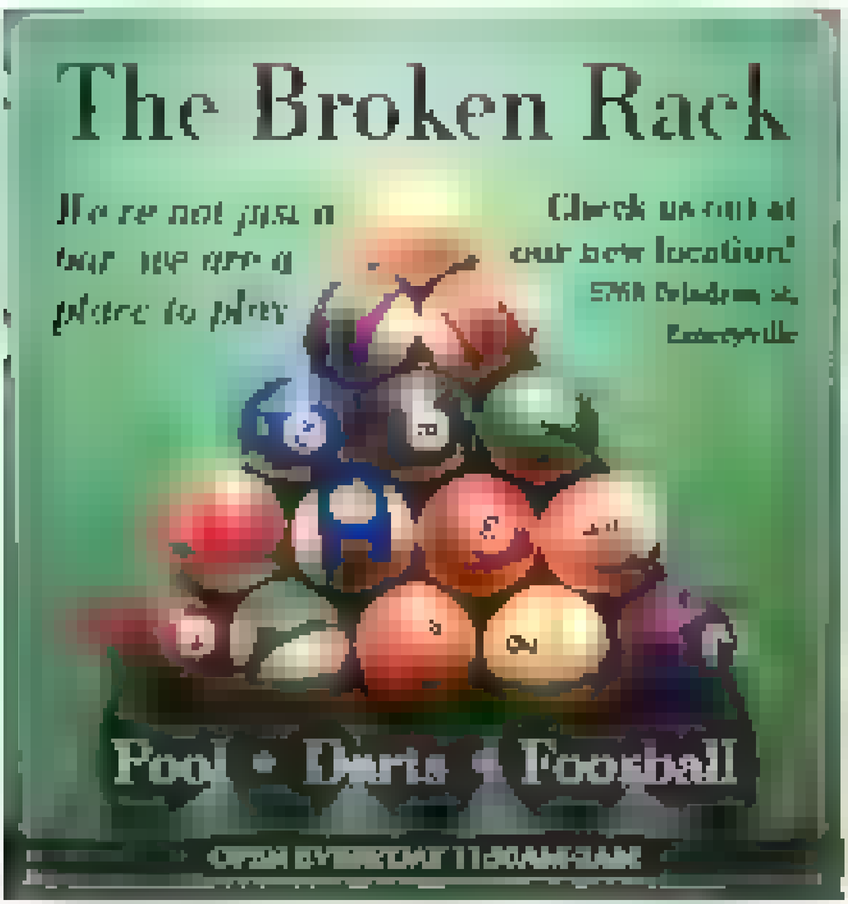
Damning California's Future

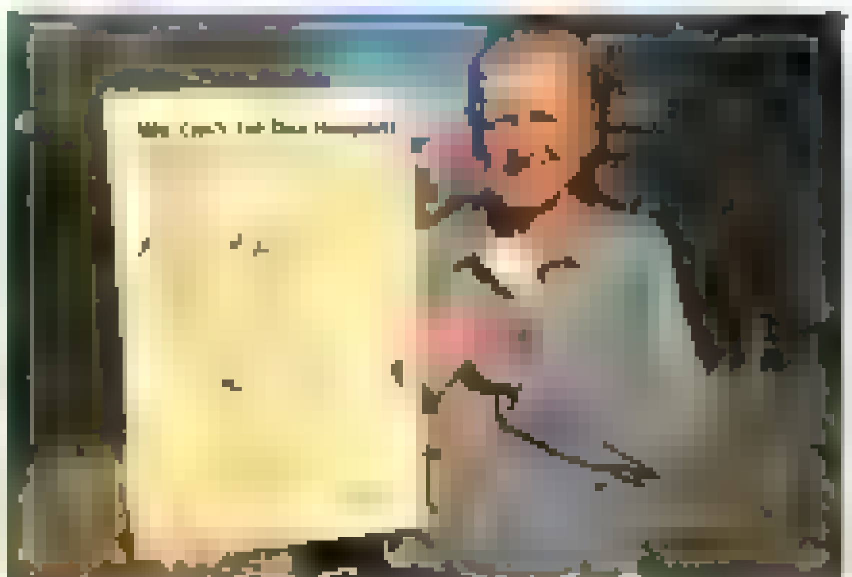
Hoping to capitalize on the epic drought, the state's water industry wants to usher in a new era of dam-building in the state. But environmentalists say it would cost billions and do more harm than good

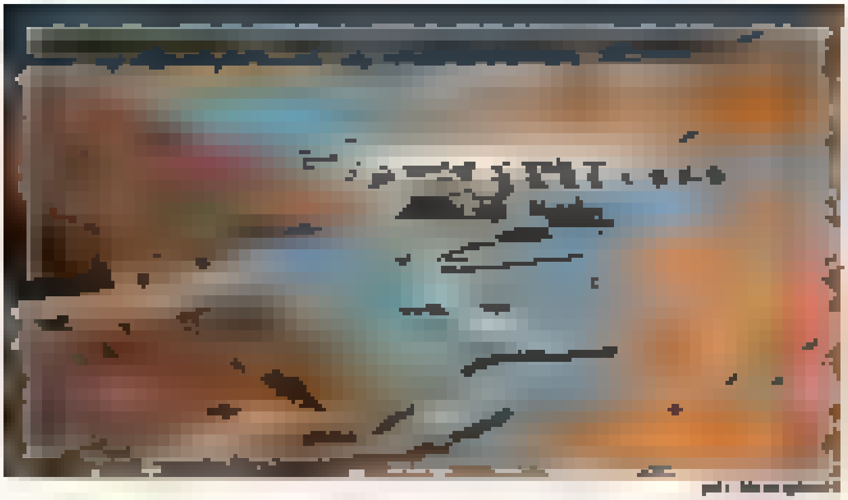
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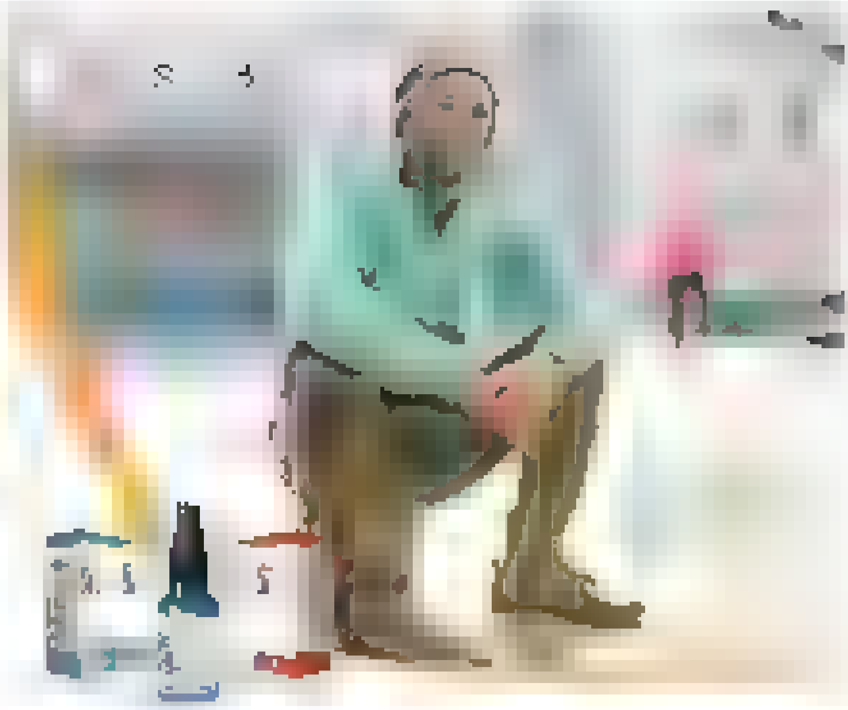


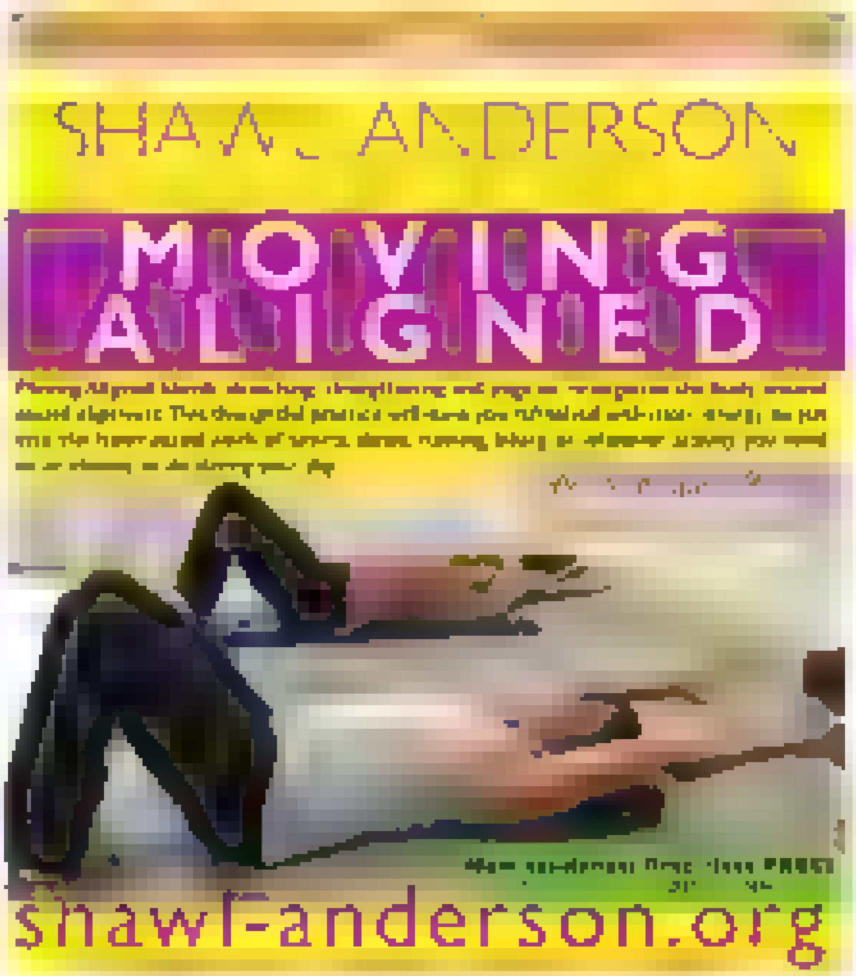

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PATCHWORK SHOW
Modern Makers Festival

"Forecasts of costs of large dams today are as likely to be wrong as they were between 1934 and 2007 the Oxford University study concluded.






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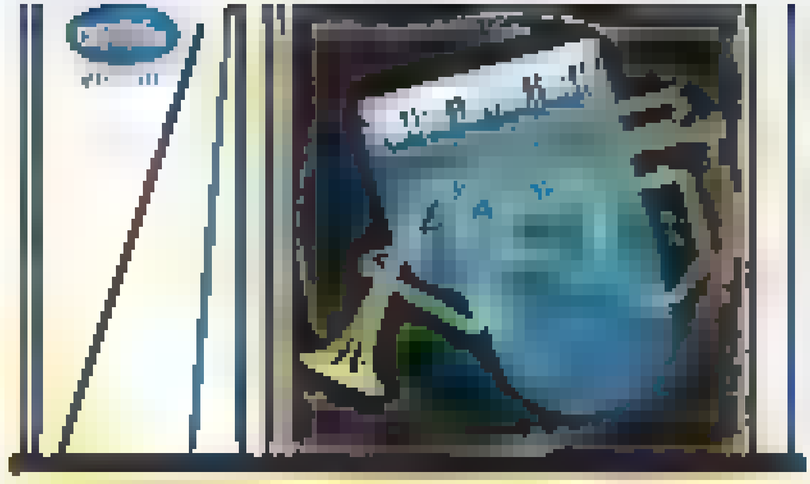
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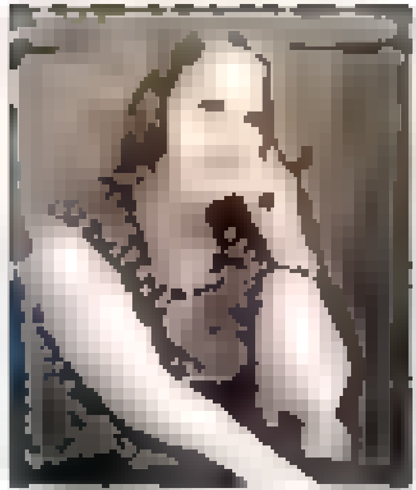






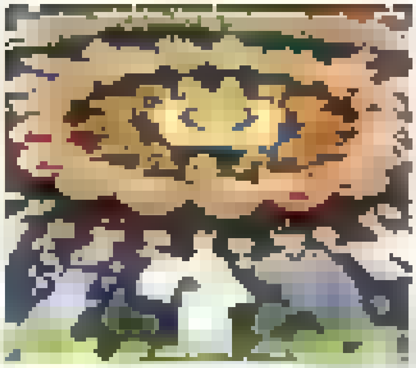


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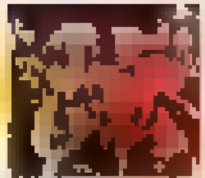


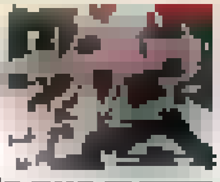
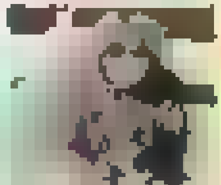
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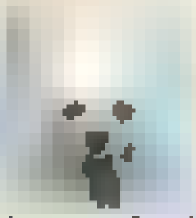
The Oakland Museum of California's Día de los Muertos exhibit and festival returns.



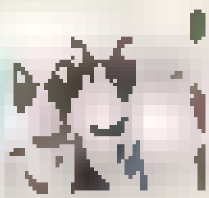


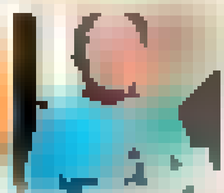


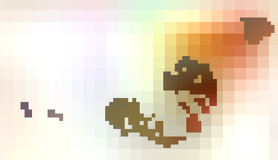












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October Artist Talk Series

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Berkeley Art Center's juried show of photography inspired by the Paul Sack Collection sees the built environment as subject rather than setting

By Sarah Burke



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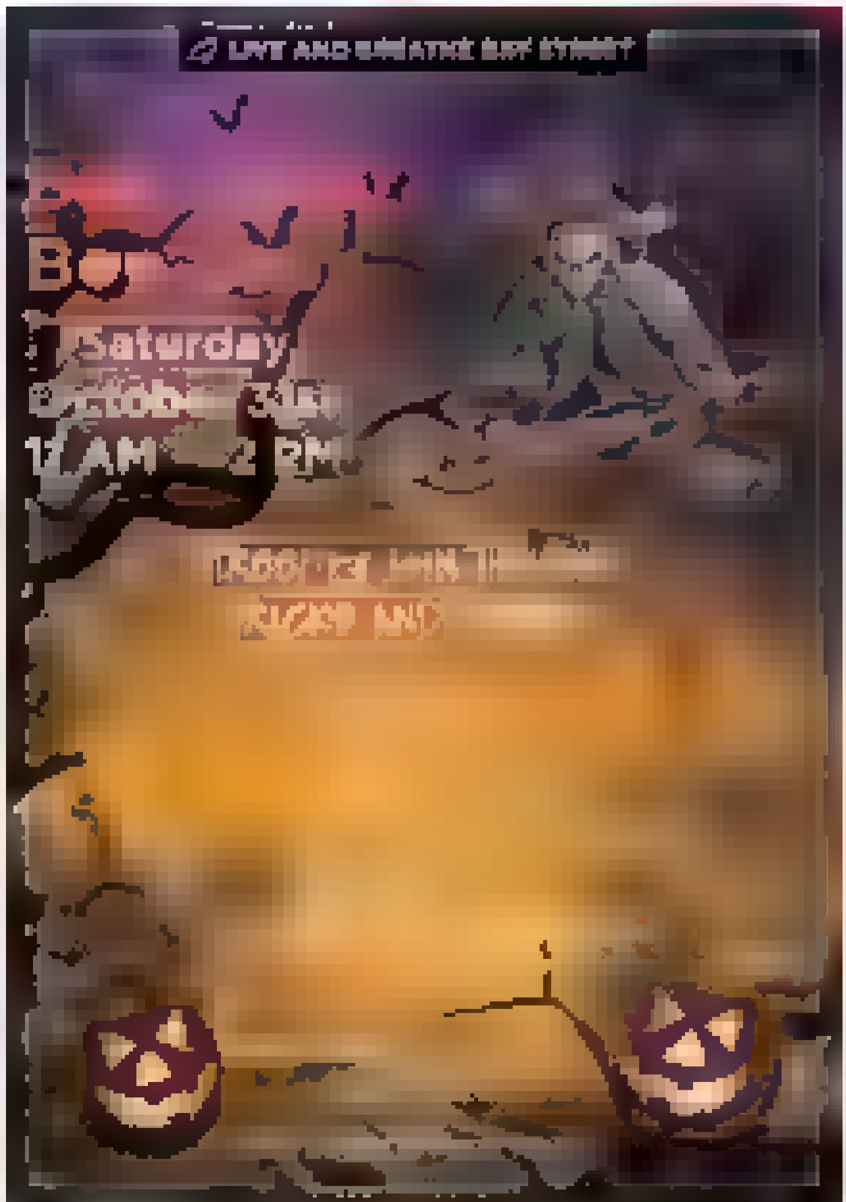


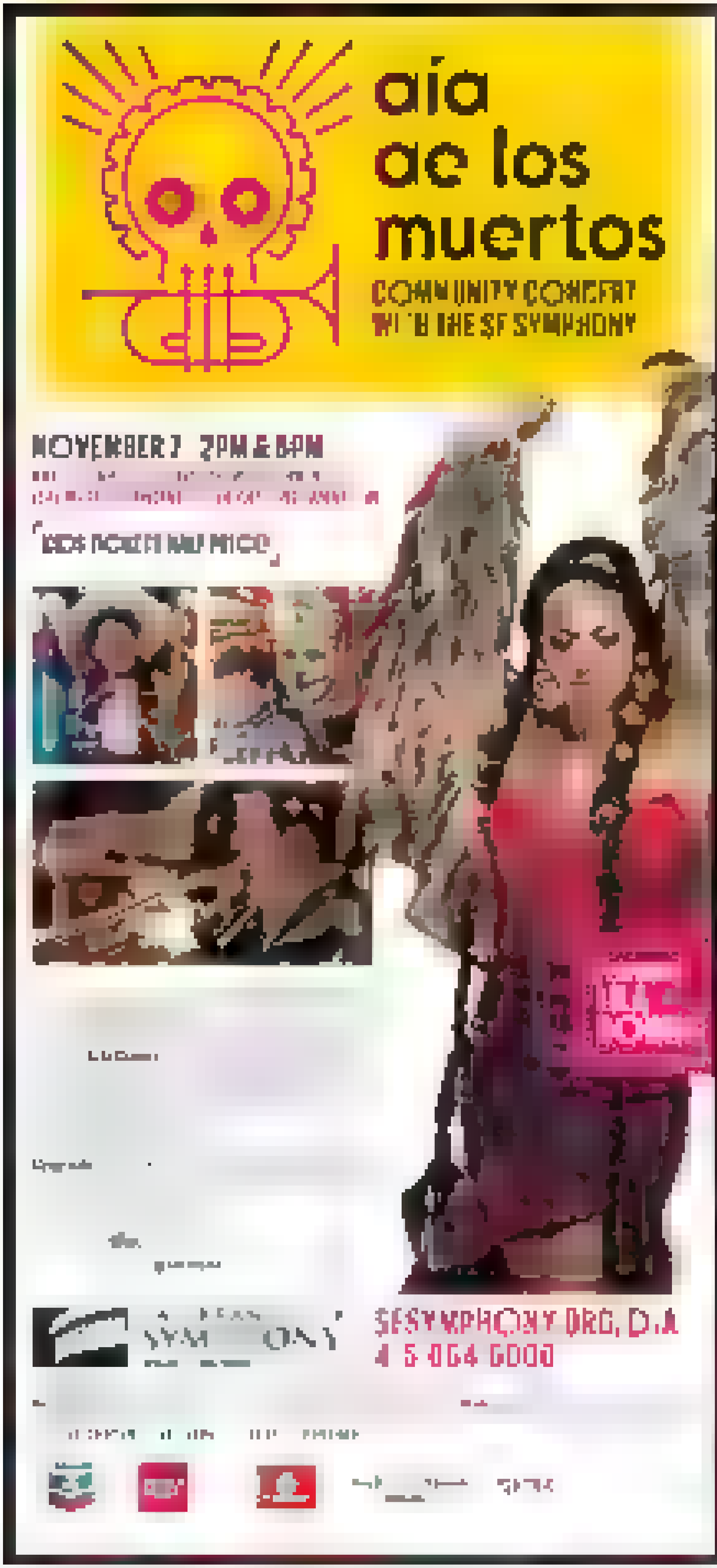
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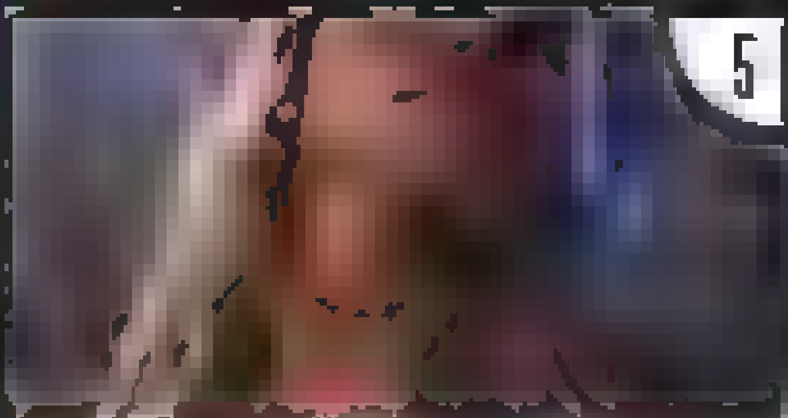
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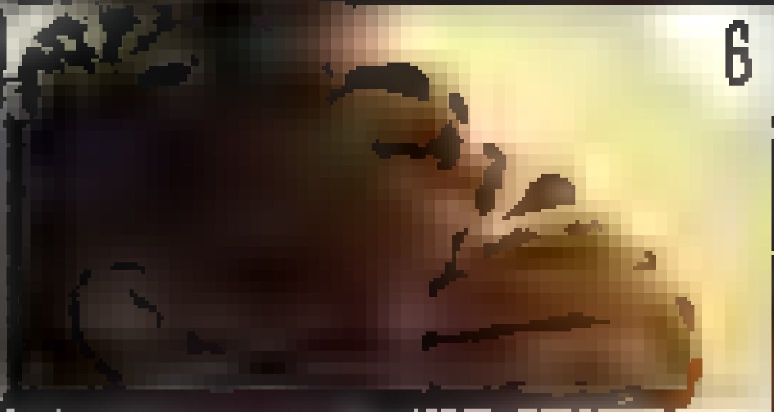
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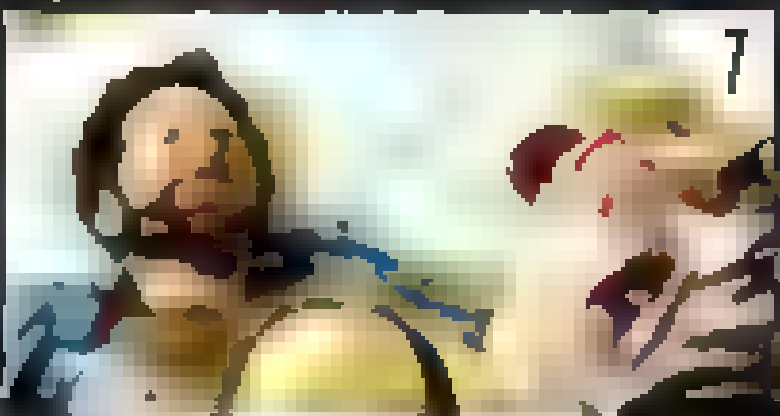
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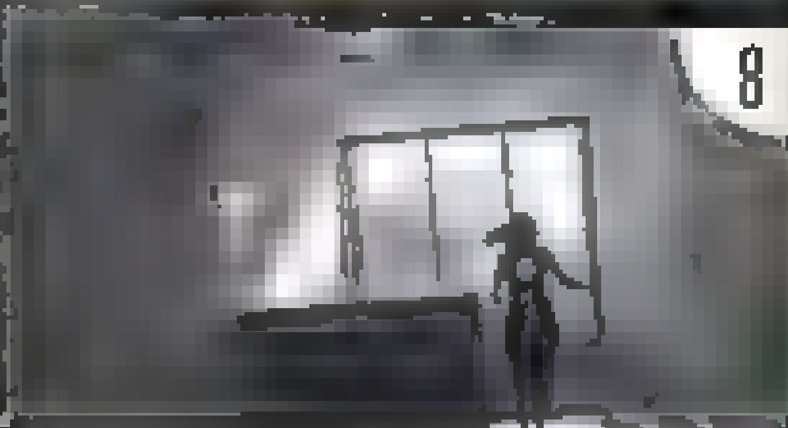
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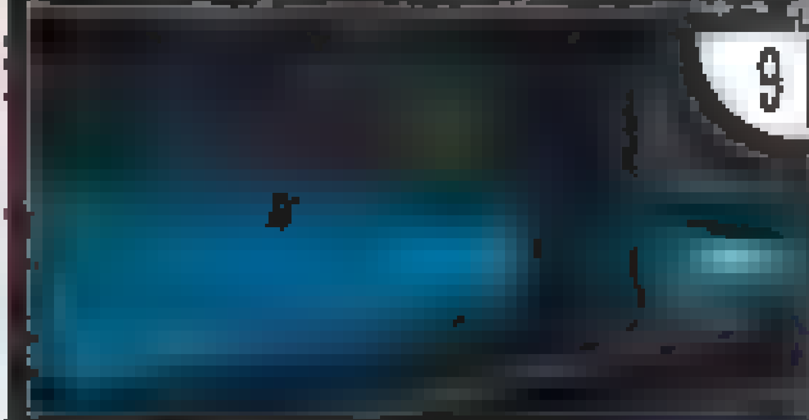
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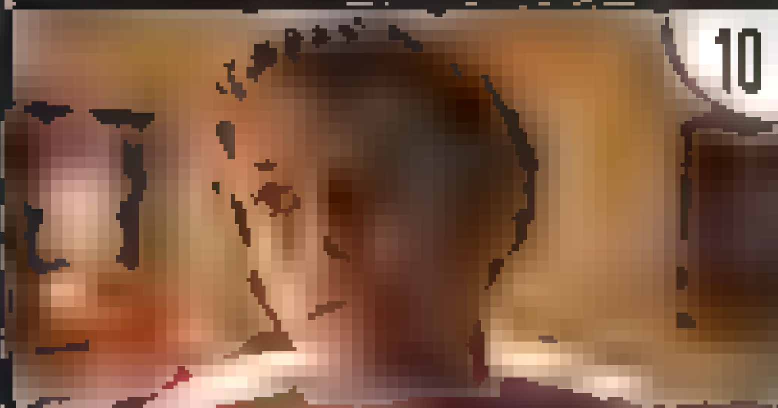
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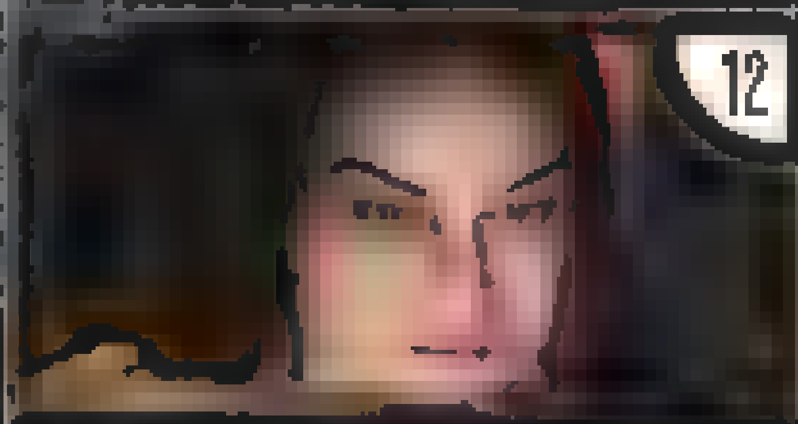
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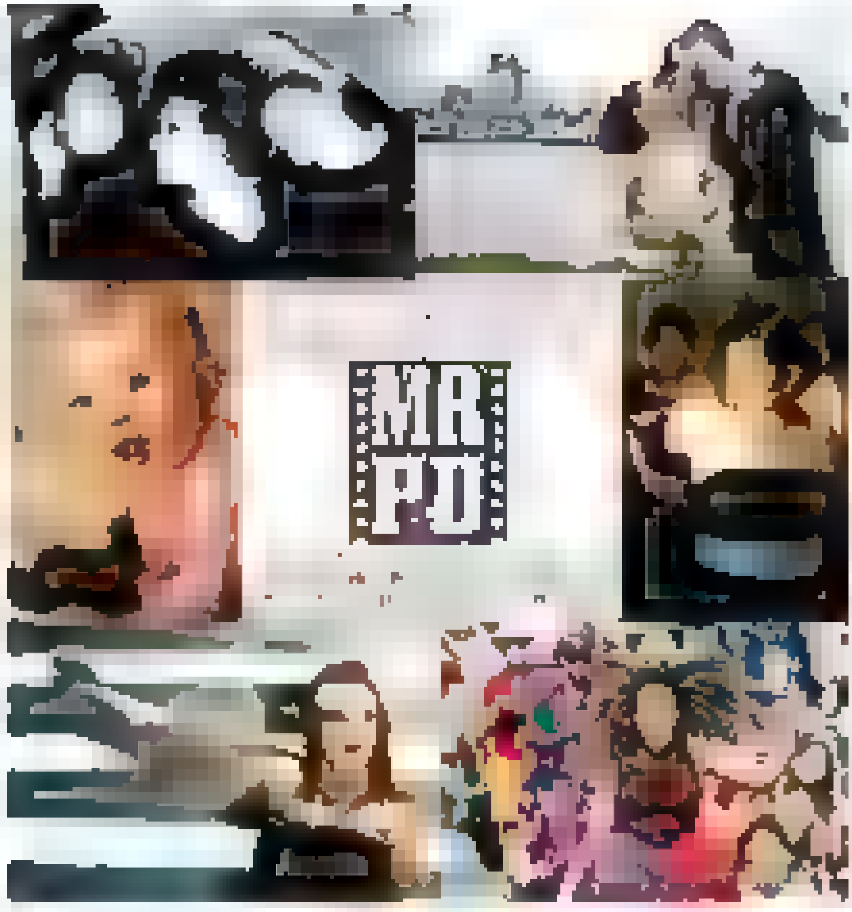
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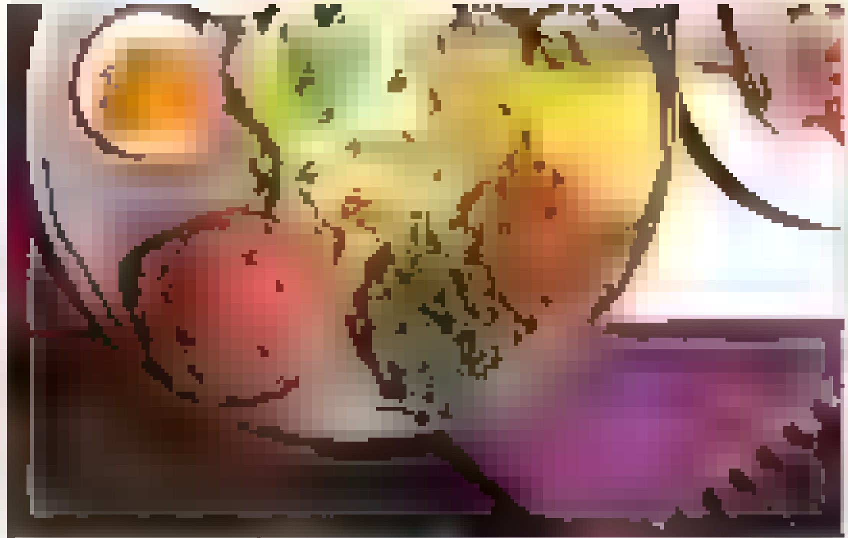
The Purge Part II: Halloween Dance Battle





If You Should Lose Me: The Archive, the Critic, the Record Shop, and The Blues Woman





Breaking Bread

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Sample Menu




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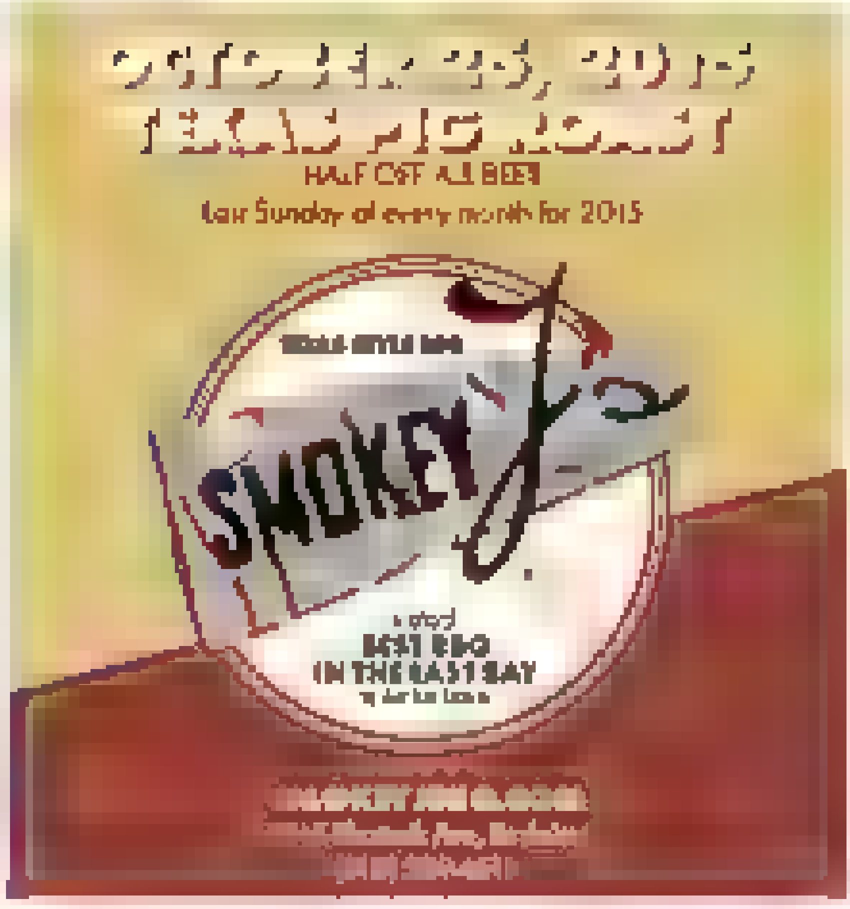


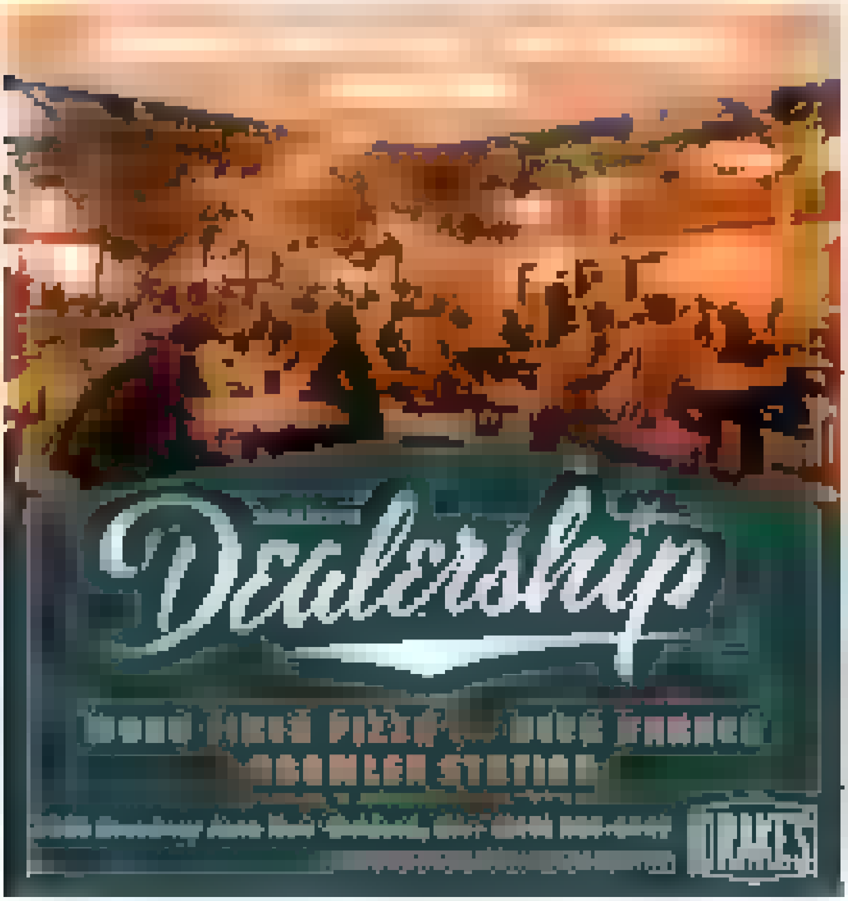
The Anti-Waste Kitchen

Food Shift's ambitious Alameda Kitchen project aims to reduce food waste, create jobs, and feed the hungry

By Luke Tsai


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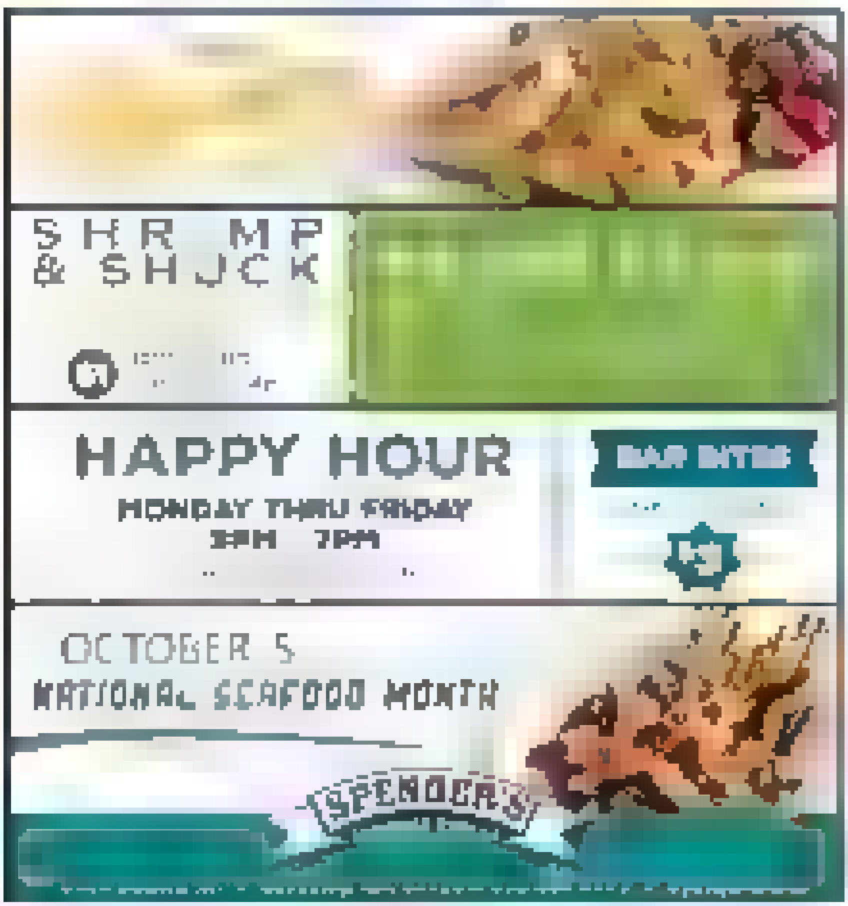
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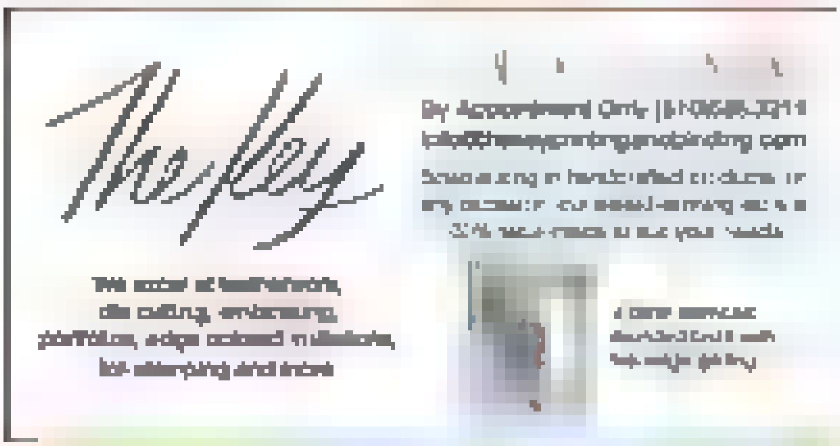

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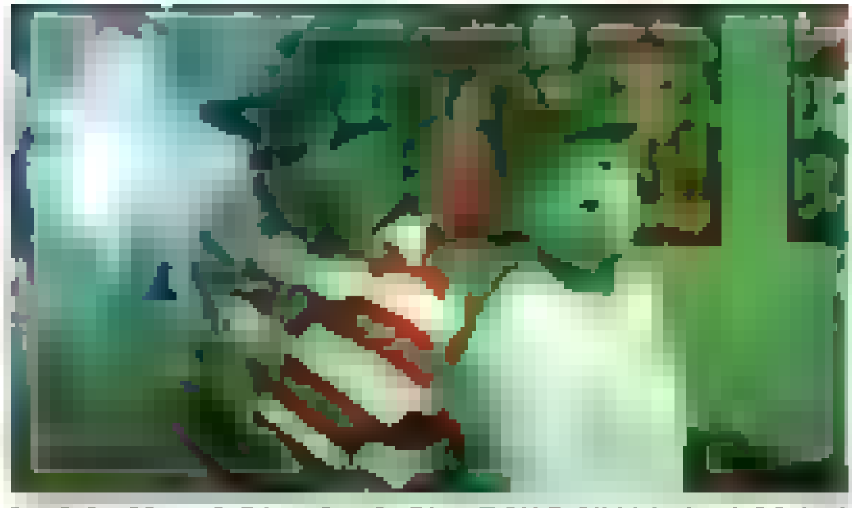
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From Electrifying Collaborations to Forgettable Muzak

FKA Twigs' [illegible] and Big Grams' performances saved Treasure Island Music Festival from becoming a [illegible] of steady digestible indie rock.

By Nastia Voynovskaya



FKA Twigs

THURSDAY 22

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

FRIDAY 23

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

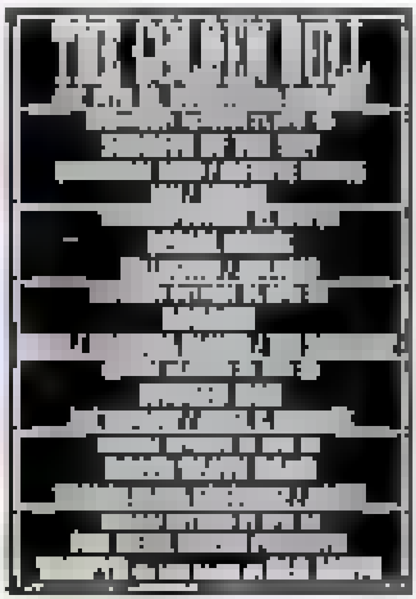
Crush Them and Hex Dust



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Rock & Pop









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World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

SATURDAY 24

All Ages

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

SUNDAY 25

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

MONDAY 26

Jazz, Lounge,

& Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

TUESDAY 27

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge,

& Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

WEDNESDAY 28

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

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THURSDAY 22

FRIDAY 23

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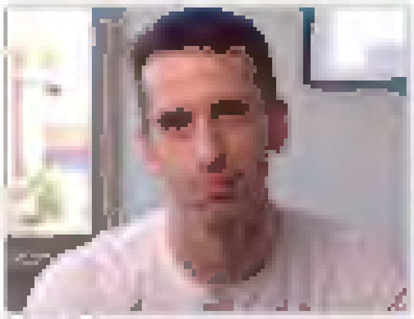
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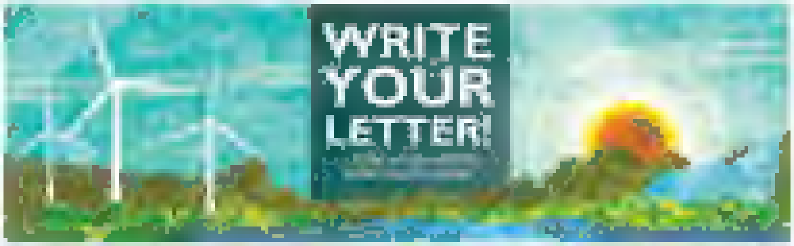
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